

fifty members. At this time the Congregational church in Lanark was our place of worship. In a few years of prosperity the property was purchased. While S. H. Bashor was pastor at Milledgeville he conducted the revival meetings at Lanark. The church grew and prospered and in 1891 the strength was strong enough to warrant the moving of the pastor to town.

In the winter of 1891 eleven members from the German Baptist Brethren united with the Brethren. Among them two ministers, S. J. Harrison and J. Scott Snively.

In 1895 the old church building was sold and a new structure was erected upon the old site, the one you see in the picture. Prosperity followed this church until we numbered about 170 members.

On June 30, 1900, Z. T. Livengood resigned the pastorate, W. D. Furry then served as pastor during July and August. W. A. Welty took charge of the work on October 1, 1900.

Z. T. LIVENGOOD.



J. L. KIMMEL

#### The Dayton, Ohio, Church

Dayton, Ohio, must of necessity always be of great historic interest to the Brethren church. It was there that the organization of our beloved church was affected. And for this reason, if for no other, we as members of the Brethren church naturally have a very warm place in our hearts for the city that gave birth to the church with which we are identified, and as brethren, we all so much love.

Soon after the general organization a local organization was effected in the city and apparently prospered for awhile but thru dissensions and other causes the work was finally discarded.



THE DAYTON CHURCH

In the course of time the work was again revived and the mission started which also prospered for awhile, but thru a combination of unfortunate circumstances the old mission gave way to the new which was organized on April 10, 1900.

And altho the organization of our church took

place in this city almost eighteen years ago yet we never owned a church building in this city up to the year 1900.

When the present mission was organized our brethren there had no place for public worship.

But God who careth for the ravens and who giveth to the rose a red mantel and to the lily a white robe soon demonstrated His love for these, His children.

A splendid church property comparatively new was offered to them at the most reasonable figures.

And while the sum for this beautiful church including two lots was merely two thousand eight hundred dollars, there was not a dollar of building fund at our command, not claimed. The Mission Board was reluctant to take hold of the enterprise fearing it would involve them in financial difficulties.

The writer being exceedingly zealous for the welfare of the Brethren cause in Dayton pledged himself to raise the first thousand dollars, which has not quite been accomplished but will be, God being our helper.

The prospect of our church in the city of Dayton is, I think, very bright and I firmly believe that in but a few years we will have a strong and flourishing church there. And those self-sacrificing souls who have financially helped us and who will help us in the future will never have, I do not believe, any cause for regret.

J. L. KIMMEL.

#### Philadelphia, Pa.

I have been pastor of the Philadelphia Brethren church for more than eight years. Eight years ago the first of last November I moved to Philadelphia and took charge of the church. Because of unfaithful shepherds the church was in a bad condition. Congregations were very small. As I had been used to large congregations this was very discouraging to me. The congregation was cold, prayer meeting small and I unacquainted with city work it took months before I could understand the work and feel at home. After a few months the Lord began to pour out his spirit upon the work and souls were added to the Lord. For several years this continued until providentially the Lord opened up various mission fields in a way that we were compelled to take care of them. Then for several years I had to be away from my home church about half of the time. Consequently my home work suffered. Three years ago I appealed to the brethren to employ an associate worker, but they could not see their way clear at that time.

Another very discouraging feature to me was, that this church was the only one I ever was pastor of that I could not hold the young people. Unfortunately for several years we lost them nearly as fast as we received them, and to this day it is the most perplexing problem we have to face. For the last two years there has been much improvement, and we hope and pray that the time is very near when this difficulty will be removed.

We opened up a mission in Ridgely, Md. This work seems to have a bright future before it. We have a neat church building here worth approximately \$2,000 with an indebtedness of about \$600. This church is organized. Brother Cassel does most of the preaching and is loved very much.

Altho this church has had slight reverses, I see no reason why it shall not become a prosperous congregation. We are having a good revival here now, souls are being added almost daily. A full report will be given at the close of the meeting.

The Calvary Brethren church in New Jersey, is yet a mission point. This point being in many respects the most discouraging mission that we have had, but we are glad to say that it is more prosperous now than it has ever been.

We also organized the Amwell Brethren church of New Jersey. This church is in a good prosperous condition, and has Brother Smith for its pastor. Brother Smith also preaches for the Calvary congregation.



I. D. BOWMAN

I also helped to organize the Brethren church in the lower part of Philadelphia. It is located at Sixth and Siegal streets and brother A. T. Atwood is its pastor. They have a building of their own.

The best and most prosperous church of all of our missions is the First Brethren church, of Allentown, situated at Fifth and Allen streets. It has as large a Sunday-school as the Philadelphia churches. Sister Alice Harley is superintendent. She and Brother Cassel and Brother Hartman, of Philadelphia, do most of the preaching. Being away from home I cannot give you exact statistics.

Philadelphia church, 10th and Dauphin, membership a little more than	200
Ridgely, Md.,	50
Calvary, N. J.,	20
Allentown, Pa.,	42
Sixth & Siegle, Philadelphia	30
Amwell, New Jersey	55

This is approximate number. 397

Eight years ago when I came to Philadelphia there was but one church here, now we have six church buildings and most of the congregations are in good working order.

Since last November we have brother Louis Bauman as our associate worker.

With Brother Smith in New Jersey, Brother Cassel preaching in Ridgely, Md., and Allentown and Atwood in the lower part of the city, and with sister Alice Harley in Allentown and Brother Hartman in Philadelphia helping wherever he can, and last but not least brother Louis Bauman, who is a whole team himself as my associate, we hope to do a work that will count for eternity.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

#### The Work at Milford



G. W. RENCH

Not very long after the famous, perhaps infamous, Arnold's Grove Annual meeting of the German Baptists, interested parties invited preachers of "progressive" tendencies to come to Milford to preach. The efforts were not in vain. There were many good people from the world, from other denominations and from the German Baptists who believed in the Bible part of the dunkard faith, but

who could not follow in the man-made part of it. The denominations as usual, encouraged the move so long as they thought it would hurt the German Baptists, but when some of their members decided to accept the whole truth, the church houses were soon closed. The brethren organized however, on March 2, 1885 Elder John Nicholson led the services. Perry Early was chosen elder, and John Montgomery deacon. Thru the preach-